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## 2003 GEORGIA BASIN/PUGET SOUND RESEARCH CONFERENCE

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### CONFERENCE SUMMARIES

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#### **GO CHALLENGE AND DIRECTIONS STATEMENT: Securing a sustainable region**

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Existing human activities and rapid population growth are ongoing threats to the natural resources, environmental health and ecosystems in the region. This statement calls for generating, reporting and using a broad range of knowledge for decision-making to sustain natural systems and enhance social and economic well-being for all residents of this outstanding region.

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#### **GO Securing a sustainable future for the Georgia Basin/Puget Sound Region**

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This conference summary highlights speeches by keynote speakers and sponsors and provides an overview of topics covered by 300 presentations. It calls for basic scientific research, research to close information gaps, and the use of findings to manage resources, guide development and curtail pollution. By successfully merging the science and decision-making communities, the conference set the stage for building the capacity of the region's residents and institutions (public and private) to sustain the region for generations to come.